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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3712

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 3160

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAI : PINS, LA, AXC

SUBJECT: VIENTIANE SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1500 HOURS LOCAL

TIME MAY 9

REF: VIENTIANE 3144 (NOTAL)

1. DEMONSTRATION REPORTED REFTEL DID NOT RPT NOT MOVE ON
FROM NATIONAL STADIUM AND HAD LARGELY BROKEN UP BY 1400 HOURS
LOCAL, ALTHOUGH SOME STRAGGLERS REMAINED IN AREA AND GROUP
OF DISORDERLY SAMLOR DRIVERS HAD ASSEMBLED IN MAIN BUSINESS
DISTRICT. REPORT IN REFTEL THAT SMALL GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS
HAD ENTERED USAID COMPOUND PROVED TO BE ERRONEOUS.-

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2. OFFICERS OF MIXED POLICE HAVE ASSURED US THEY WILL

CONTINUE TO COVER ANY MOVEMENT OF DEMONSTRATORS IT HAVE
DECLINED TO PREPOSITION POLICE AT LIKELY TARGETS SUCH AS
USAID COMPOUND.

3. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR HAS DECIDED TO OFFER EVACUATION
TO DEPENDENTS AND NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL, UTILIZING
AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE PLANE WHICH WAS DUE IN ANYWAY ON
MAY 9 TO TRANSPORT RELIEF GOODS FOR UNHCR. AS A RESULT,
24 AUSTRALIANS ARE DEPARTING VIENTIANE THIS AFTERNOON
GROUP IS MADE UP OF TWO STENOGRAFERS (BOTH WITHIN FEW
WEEKS OF END OF TOUR); ONE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE MAN WHO
ARRIVED ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO AND HAD NOT YET SETTLED IN;
AND 21 DEPENDENTS. (AUSTRALIAN FIRST SECRETARY--- PROTECT
-- HAS TOLD US HE REGARDSHIS AMBASSADOR'S ACTION AS
PREMATURE.) CHARGE HAS ASKED AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO
INFORM
FONMIN PHOU MI VONGVICHIT OF THIS PARTIAL EVACUATION
AS A MEANS OF REINFORCING CHARGE'S REPRESENTATITFS THIS
MORNING TO PRIMIN AND FONMIN, AND TO EMPHASIZE PARTICULARLY
HOW UNDERSPREAD IS THE CONCERN IN THE CITY. AUSTRALIAN
AMBASSADOR HAS AGREED TO DO SO.
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